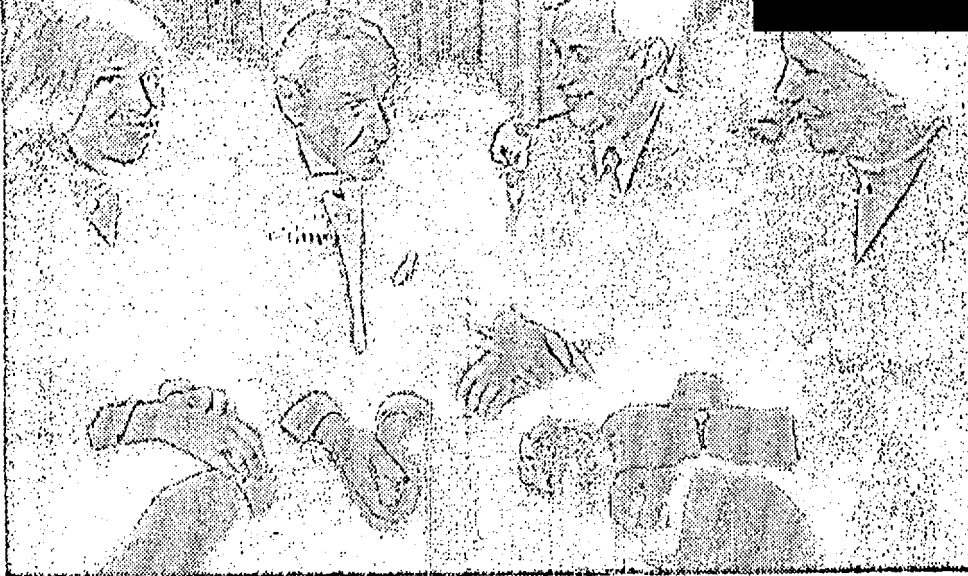


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Phi Beta Kappa Initiates Honored at Dickinson Dinner

Conversation group at the annual Dickinson College scholarship dinner last night includes the dinner speaker and three students who were honored for being initiated into Phi Beta Kappa. From left to right are Susan S. Stover of Brooklyn, N.Y.; John P. Davies of the U.S. State Department, the speaker; Alan D. Kiefer of Philadelphia, and Kathleen Kelley of Baltimore, Md.

CIA-Student Link Reports Called Callow, Irresponsible

CARLISLE — The press' disclosure of the Central Intelligence Agency's involvement with the academic community was "more serious than any reverse we have suffered in the Vietnam war," a former diplomat told Dickinson College's honor students last night.

John P. Davies Jr. of Washington, D.C., a career diplomat who has served in China, Burma and the Soviet Union, defended the subsidies.

Speaking at the college's annual scholarship dinner at the Embers Restaurant, Davies said the recent exposure of these operations by the American press was at best "a display of callow irresponsibility."

Davies said the CIA funds paid to the National Student Association and other student groups were the U.S. government's "counteroffensive" against the use of students and professors by totalitarian states in an effort to subvert free societies.

"Much of the counterattack had to be covert," he said. "This deadly serious struggle around the world was an undercover war and had to be fought that way. We did not like it, but it was necessary."

Davies said that this relationship between academic and foreign policy was not an abridgement of academic freedom or a corruptor of students and professors.

"Those persons underwritten by the CIA surely found fulfillment in a high-minded, even lofty cause. And if they lost interest or changed their minds, they could drop out without being shipped off to Siberia."

The scholarship dinner honored all students who made a minimum average of 3.5 during the past two semesters. It was a special tribute to Edward Phil-

lips of Havertown, a senior, and Miss Esther Friedman of Glen Burnie, Md., and Stephen Marini of Springfield, both juniors, who led their classes in scholarship.

Three recent initiates of Phi Beta Kappa also were honored. They are Alan D. Kiefer of Philadelphia, Kathleen Kelley of Baltimore, Md., and Susan C. Stover of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, college president, conducted the meeting. Recognition of students was led by Dean Samuel H. Magill and Dr. William H. Wishmeyer, president of the Dickinson Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

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